



**Minutes of Meeting  
August 19, 2020  
Zoom video or conference call**

**Members Present:**

Kathie Erdman-Becker  
Whitney Bruner  
Mary Kay Budmayr  
Toni Feist  
Erica Gloor  
Reed Haug  
Chuck Henrie  
Tania Kostal  
Dr. Eric Kurtz

Marcie Lorensberg  
Tim Neyhart  
Jennifer Olson  
Derek Smith  
Wendy Trujillo  
Sara Valle  
Joey Younie  
Tim Reinbold

**Others Attending:**

Jenny Krieger  
Brenda Smith

Arlene Poncelet

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Marcie Lorensberg called the meeting to order and read the mission statement: "Assist people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to experience the quality of life they desire through advocacy and systems change."

Roll call of members was completed with everyone sharing one or two areas they are passionate about - inclusion, self-advocacy, mental health, equal opportunities, collaboration, special education, living independently, staying connected, reaching rural and remote areas, attitudes, and accessibility. Once introductions were complete the meeting agreements were read.

## AGENDA & MINUTES

Chuck Henrie made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Kathie Erdman-Becker. Motion passed.

Chuck Henrie made a motion, seconded by Derek Smith, to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2020 meeting of the Council. Motion passed.

## REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marcie Lorensberg shared the reports from the Executive Committee meetings and reviewed the actions taken at those meetings.

Chuck Henrie made a motion, seconded by Kathie Erdman-Becker, to approve the reports of the Executive Committee meetings held June 23, and August 11, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

The following actions were taken by the Executive Committee:

1. Recommended Approval of Covid-19 mini grants for Black Hills Works, Benchmark Family Support, DakotAbilities, and SE Directions for Life.
2. Recommended approval of the state budget request for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022.
3. Approved amending timeline for Vista Care Shared Living grant to end December 31, 2020.

Arlene shared discussion about the mini-grants. The SFY2022 budget request was due earlier in August. Arlene didn't recommend any changes but let the department know that there will be higher spending because of the timeline for the money to be spent. Vista Care asked to extend the shared living grant because they were not able to get a shared living specialist hired

as soon as they had planned.

Kathie Erdman Becker made a motion to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee, seconded by Derek Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Arlene Poncelet reviewed the budget reports sent to Council members. The Council received a re-allotment from the Administration on Community Living of \$12,166 for FFY2020 from funds not granted to Puerto Rico. The Council currently has approximately \$533,525 of federal funds available for projects From FFY2019 and FFY2020. Due to the pandemic, Arlene has requested an additional year to expend the FFY19 funds. Arlene believes we will be able to apply for a grant extension for FFY20 next year.

Kathie Erdman Becker made a motion to accept the Budget Report as presented, seconded by Derek Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public were present to speak to the Council.

### UPDATE – Five-Year State Plan 2017-2021

Arlene informed the Council that the budget was submitted in January so there is nothing to approve at this time. Arlene gave an overview of the goals and objectives of the Council and explained what the Council has done to date. This is the last year of the five-year state plan so the next meeting will be developing the five-year state plan.

### GRANT APPLICATION – Unified Champion Schools. Year 3. Special Olympics SD

Julie Briggs, Vice President of Outreach for Special Olympics South Dakota, joined the Council to talk about the Unified

Champion Schools grant. She explained that there are currently 52 schools involved in the Unified Champion program and that the opportunity is given to any school that wants to compete. Sports and fitness, whole school engagement and youth leadership are the three components to the Unified Champion program. Julie explained the data shows that there has been a decrease in bullying and has been more inclusion in Unified schools. The age range for the program is Kindergarten all the way through college. Chuck Henrie made a motion to approve, seconded by Mary Kay Budmayr. Motion passed unanimously.

#### FFY 2021 Requests for Proposals (RFPs)

Arlene reviewed each of the draft RFPs and explained a little about each one.

#### Education & Training Mini-Grants for FFY2021

These grants are \$5000 or less and are typically used for a one-time trainings or events.

#### First Responders Disability Awareness Training, Year 3

During the first year that Niagara University had this grant it was build collaboration and approval from South Dakota agencies and the second year is providing the trainings. This is the same amount as year 1 & 2.

#### Employee Success Coach, Year 3

VOA Dakotas covered the cost of personnel. They knew it was a 3 year grant when they applied. They just hired a new person.

#### Outreach & Support for DD Council

This provided a way to purchase some limited staff time from an agency to support activities not through grants such as updating Council handouts, advances for travel assistance if families cannot attend without the funding, Disability Advocacy Network and similar activities.

Kathie Erdman-Becker made a motion to approve the Education and Training Mini Grants for FFY2021, First Responders Disability Awareness Training, year 3, Employee Success Coach, year 3, and Outreach & Support for the DD Council, seconded by Chuck Henrie. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Partners in Policymaking Year 29/30

Arlene didn't make any changes to this RFP. The class that was supposed to graduate this year will do so at the final April class next year.

Chuck Henrie made a motion to approve the Partners in Policymaking RFP, seconded by Kathie Erdman-Becker. Tim Neyhart and Derek Smith abstained. Motion passed.

#### Youth Leadership Forum 2021

This was not held this year but the Council was thanked for their support. The RFP amount may increase but it currently says \$25,000. This amount can be changed in January when the grant application is submitted.

Mary Kay Budmayr made a motion to approve the Youth Leadership Forum 2021 RFP, seconded by Chuck Henrie. Wendy Trujillo abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Info & Awareness

All of the goals and objectives are included in this grant because they may come up with material to support any of the goals and objectives of the Council. This can be used to update handbooks and create infographics on topics.

Kathie Erdman-Becker made a motion to increase the funding to \$20,000, seconded by Chuck Henrie. Discussion was held in support of the increase but would also like an expectation of outcomes. Sara Valle made a friendly amendment to the motion to increase the funding to \$23,000 with a specific expectation that the increased amount be used to fund an intern or somebody specific to updating information

and getting it on the website, seconded by Erica Gloor. Motion passed unanimously.

### South Dakota Advocates for Change

This RFP is one that the Coalition had done for the Council before and provided for about 25% of a staff's time. They made arrangements for meetings and talked with advocates on the phone. Arlene feels that it needs to be put out there to see if there is another organization that is willing to support the SD Advocates for Change.

Chuck Henrie made a motion to approve the South Dakota Advocates for Change RFP, seconded by Derek Smith. Toni Feist abstained. Motion passed.

### Advocacy Training for Native Americans with Disabilities and their Families

This is a new grant for up to three years for training and advocacy for Native Americans. Arlene read through the outcomes of the grant and asked for input for the amounts, expectations, etc. This could be funding for one or more projects and would be open to any group that wants to apply as long as they are serving Native American groups with disabilities.

Kathie Erdman-Becker made a motion to approve the Advocacy Training for Native Americans with Disabilities and Their Families with a \$50,000 amount, seconded by Chuck Henrie. Motion passed unanimously.

### Call for New Initiatives

This would ask for concept papers to be back by September 1<sup>st</sup> and the Executive Committee would review the papers and ask those that they felt would be a fit within the state plan to submit a full proposal. This could be anywhere from 1-3 years and \$5,000 to \$150,000. If this is a 3-year project the Council would need to know for planning purposes.

Chuck Henrie made a motion to approve the Call for New Initiatives, seconded by Derek Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

### NEXT MEETING

Arlene will send a survey with options of many dates and shorter time frames. She will also include nights and weekends as other options for Council members that are not able to meet during the work week.

### ADJOURNMENT

Derek Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chuck Henrie at 12:49 p.m.